

Egremont 1865 Basket Picnic

July 21, 2013

Celebrating the end of the Civil War

The original BYO. In the summer, with house and farm chores done and the sun still high in the sky, it was not uncommon for townsfolk to gather together to share a meal on a special occasion. Women would pack a basket with freshly baked bread, fried chicken, and salads, and the church ladies would put out a large pitcher of lemonade, and for really special occasions, someone would crank some ice cream. Sometimes they would auction off each other's baskets, and it didn't take long before everyone knew who the best cook in town was by the price their basket fetched.

On Sunday, July 21 (rain date: July 28), 2013, join the Friends of Egremont History for an 1865 Basket Picnic celebrating the end of the Civil War. Welcome our Egremont soldiers home, and honor those who gave their lives.

The Egremont Village Inn will host the town from noon to 4 pm on their lawn. Civil War re-enactors will be on hand, pitching their tents and preparing for marching orders. Local actors will play the parts of actual Egremont soldiers, telling their stories in their own words learned from the diaries they kept.

Spend the afternoon with history!

Bring your picnic basket. Join the fun. The original BYO.

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